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TAGS: PINT, PL  
SUBJ: GIEREK ADDRESSES SEJM

REF: A. WARSAW 1349, B. WARSAW 1350, C. WARSAW 0588, D. SUMMERS/  
MAZOWIECKI MEMCON 3/18/77

1. TRYBUNA LUDU OF MARCH 24 REPORTED THAT FIRST SECRETARY  
EDWARD GIEREK ATTENDED AN EXPANDED SESSION OF THE PZPR CAUCUS  
IN THE SEJM THE PREVIOUS DAY. IT SAID REPRESENTATIVES OF  
NON-PZPR SEJM ORGANIZATIONS TOOK PART IN DISCUSSIONS, WHICH  
LED TO THE CONCLUSION THAT FURTHER IMPROVEMENT OF SEJM  
PERFORMANCE SHOULD COME FROM A) GREATER INITIATIVE OF  
DELEGATES, B) CLOSER COOPERATION WITH ADMINISTRATIVE  
ORGANS OF THE GOVERNMENT, C) DEEPER DISCUSSION AT PLENARY  
SEJM SESSIONS, D) BETTER USE OF PARLIAMENTARY INTER-  
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PELLATIONS AND E) STRENGTHENING TIES WITH SOCIETY.

2. ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, GIEREK EMPHASIZED THAT  
IMPROVEMENT IN SEJM ACTIVITIES DEPENDED PRINCIPALLY ON  
THE SEJM DELEGATES THEMSELVES, AS WELL AS ON GOVERNMENT  
COOPERATION. HE REPORTEDLY SAID THAT THE "UNITED  
ORIENTATION" OF THE MAJOR PARTIES IN THE FRONT OF

NATIONAL UNITY PRESUPPOSES RATHER THAN PRECLUDES "DEEP AND SOBER DISCUSSION, DEMOCRATIC DISCUSSION, EXPRESSING VARIOUS OPINIONS AND OUTLOOKS IN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE GENERAL POLITICAL FOUNDATIONS." GIEREK ALSO SAID THE SEJM WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR MAKING A PARTICULARLY LARGE CONTRIBUTION TO DEVELOPING "SOCIALIST DEMOCRACY."

3. COMMENT: GIEREK APPEARS TO HAVE TAKEN A FURTHER STEP TOWARD IMPLEMENTING THE PROCESS OF "CONSULTATION" WHICH HE HAS EMPHASIZED OVER SINCE THE JUNE, 1976, PRICE-RISE DISTURBANCES. HIS CALL FOR SEJM DELEGATES TO TAKE THE INITIATIVE REFLECTS SIMILAR MESSAGES TO JOURNALISTS IN FEBRUARY (REF A AND B) AND TO LOCAL PARTY OFFICIALS AT THE 6TH PARTY PLENUM IN JANUARY (REF C). OBVIOUSLY, THE QUESTION REMAINS HOW MUCH INITIATIVE IS CONSISTENT WITH THE "GENERAL POLITICAL FOUNDATIONS." HOWEVER, THE CALL FOR GREATER PLENARY DEBATE INDICATES THAT THE BOUNDARIES OF DISCUSSION HAVE BEEN EXTENDED FOR THOSE WHO CAN COMBINE A WILLINGNESS TO SPEAK OUT WITH AN ASTUTE SENSE OF COMPROMISE. GIEREK'S CALL, MOREOVER, COULD STRENGTHEN THE ABILITY OF THE SEJM TO REVIEW SERIOUSLY LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS ORIGINATING WITH THE PZPR AND GOVERNMENT. IN RECENT YEARS, THE COMMITTEES OF THE SEJM, ACTING AS COMMISSIONS OF EXPERTS, HAVE REPORTEDLY IMPROVED A NUMBER OF LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS AND HELPED KILL OTHERS. END COMMENT.

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